

He wants you to try to family
Duty while he is gone we are
three of us sitting here in a shanty
made of Boards taking over
our chance Hammond has the Crabs
Big Enough to go to mill with he
give them a chew of tobacco this
morning that made them sick at
the stomach and they kept quite
Just now Hammond wants if you
could get him a ticket to Battle
tickets and he will try to be there
but I think we will have dancing
Enough today at Manassas Gap it
pleased us we are going to burn the
woods with tar and turpentine so we
can have a clear march up to the
Gap the way I think they will do it is
take the Tar and Put-a Bomb in
The midst and light the fuse
and when the Bomb bursts it will
ignite the Burning tar over the wood.
Hodgson is here Puffer a Badger
also find Barren for us you can see
over this and if we live through
this Battle we will give you the
Particulars Give my Regards to all the
Girls and Boys that I know Love
Lore Hodge sends his best Wishes to
you and Hammond he has not got
any news from you yet. No more at
Present W^m Direct- W M K Lee B
2nd Regt Washington D C and advise
London

According to our orders Fallid
on our main body and in the melle
I lost my cap boy I did not Notice
it Till we were ordered back again
my Squad would not go so far
into the woods as before so I had
rather to go alone or loose my Boy
I took my Rifle and Picked my way
occasionally Bumping my head against
a tree but finally got somewhere in the
Neighborhood of where I was lost finding
around I a cecuntly Laid by hand upon
it I had no sooner got my boy than
a bullet came whizzing past my ear. I came
to the conclusion that I would lay
on my stomach which is our psish
and lay there till morning falling
a slup now and again! I am sitting
by Hammond who is eating a Breast-
Plate it being so hard that he broke
histooth and swallowed it along with
his cracker He said it was Ruff Lou
Hodges has one in his hand he said
that if it was in ass of his britches
it would save his life to day The
Place where his heart lays